



PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS & STOCKS

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Kansas Prospective Corn Planted Down 4 Percent

Kansas **corn** growers intend to plant 4.7 million acres this year, down 4 percent from the 2011 acreage. If realized, this would still be the third largest area planted to corn since 1936. **Soybean** planted acreage is expected to be 3.9 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. This would be the third largest soybean acreage in Kansas history. **Sorghum** acreage expected to be planted, at 2.5 million acres, is down 4 percent from a year ago. However, this would be the second lowest sorghum planted acreage since 1949, if realized. Kansas intends to plant more sorghum than any other state.

Sunflower acreage expected to be planted at 130,000 acres, is down 3 percent from last year and would be tied with 1992 for the lowest since 1991. Oil-type varieties account for 105,000 of the prospective sunflower acreage while non-oil, or confectionary, varieties make up the balance of 25,000 acres. If realized, this

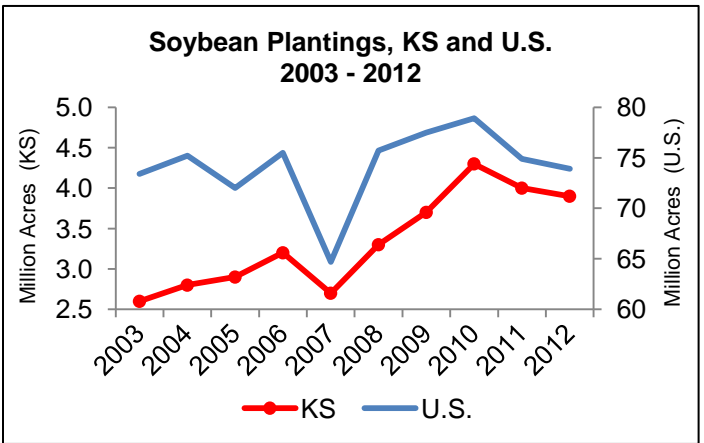
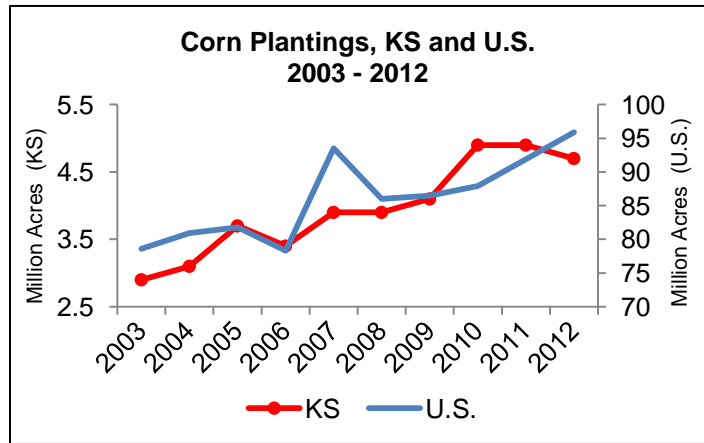
would be the lowest oil-type area planted since 1992. **Oat** seedings, at 100,000 acres, are up 40,000 from 2011. This is the largest area planted to oats since 2006. **Barley** seedings, at 13,000 acres, is up 4,000 acres from last year. **Dry beans**, at 5,000 acres, are expected to be down 23 percent from the previous year. **All hay** intended for harvest, at 2.5 million acres, is up 100,000 acres from 2011. **Cotton** is expected to be planted on 55,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from last year.

Wheat seeded in the fall of 2011 totaled 9.5 million acres, unchanged from the December estimate but up 8 percent from the previous year. This is the largest area seeded to wheat in Kansas since the fall of 2007. Kansas growers expect to plant 20.6 million acres to the four major crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, and soybeans), up 1.5 percent from 2011.

Prospective Plantings – March 1, 2012, Kansas and United States

Crop	Acreage Planted or Intended to be Planted					
	Kansas			United States		
	2011	Prospective 2012	% of Prev. Yr.	2011	Prospective 2012	% of Prev. Yr.
	1,000 Acres			1,000 Acres		
Wheat, Winter	8,800	9,500	108	40,646	41,709	103
Corn, All	4,900	4,700	96	91,921	95,864	104
Sorghum, All	2,600	2,500	96	5,481	5,950	109
Soybeans	4,000	3,900	98	74,976	73,902	99
Oats	60	100	167	2,496	2,863	115
Barley	9	13	144	2,559	3,333	130
Hay, All ¹	2,400	2,500	104	55,633	57,348	103
Sunflowers, All	134.0	130.0	97	1,543.0	1,808.0	117
Oil	115.0	105.0	91	1,289.5	1,536.5	119
Non-oil	19.0	25.0	132	253.5	271.5	107
Beans, Dry Edible	6.5	5.0	77	1,205.9	1,669.9	138
Cotton, All	80.0	55.0	69	14,732.4	13,155.0	89

¹ Acreage for harvest.



U.S. Prospective Plantings

Corn growers intend to plant 95.9 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2012, up 4 percent from last year and 9 percent higher than in 2010. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937 when an estimated 97.2 million acres were planted.

Soybean planted area for 2012 is estimated at 73.9 million acres, down 1 percent from last year and down 5 percent from 2010. Compared with 2011, planted area is down or unchanged across the Corn Belt and Great Plains with the exceptions of Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 55.9 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011. The 2012 winter wheat planted area, at 41.7 million acres, is up 3 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.4 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.5 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2012 is estimated at 12.0 million acres, down 3 percent from 2011. Of this total, about 11.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2012 is estimated at 2.22 million acres, up 62 percent from the previous year.



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Date: April 10, 2012
Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Location: USDA ARS Center for Grain & Animal Health Research, 1515 College Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas
Contact: Tom Shanower (785) 776-2702
USDA ARS, Center Director in Manhattan, KS





Grain Stocks

Kansas **wheat** stocks in all positions totaled 213.9 million bushels on March 1, down 27 percent from December 2011, and 20 percent lower than last March. Wheat stored in off-farm locations (mills, elevators, warehouses, and processors) totaled 205.6 million bushels and accounted for 96 percent of the total. On-farm stocks totaled 8.3 million bushels, down from 8.6 million bushels last March.

Kansas **corn** stocks in all locations at 211.1 million bushels, were down 30 percent from December and 23 percent lower than last March. Off-farm stocks at 159.1 million bushels, accounted for 75 percent of the total corn stocks. On-farm stocks at 52.0 million bushels, were down 25 percent from the 2011 March stocks.

Grain sorghum in all positions totaled 76.2 million bushels, down 25 percent from December 2011, and 21 percent less than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 68.2

million bushels and on-farm stocks totaled 8.0 million bushels. This is tied with last year for the lowest March on-farm stocks level since 1957.

Kansas **soybeans** in all locations totaled 58.1 million bushels, down 32 percent from December but 33 percent above the March 2011 level. Off-farm stocks at 47.1 million bushels, accounted for 81 percent of the total soybean stocks. On-farm stocks at 11.0 million bushels, were up from 10.5 million last March.

Off-farm **oat** stocks totaled 161,000 bushels, down 9 percent from December, and 19 percent lower than March 2011. Stocks of **barley** in off-farm facilities totaled 10,000 bushels, down from 12,000 bushels in December, and down from 15,000 bushels last March. This is the lowest off-farm oat and barley stocks on record in Kansas.

Grain Stocks – March 1, 2012, with Comparisons, Kansas and United States

Crop	Date	Kansas			United States		
		On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
		1,000 Bushels			1,000 Bushels		
All Wheat	March 1, 2012	8,300	205,632	213,932	217,400	983,255	1,200,655
	December 1, 2011	18,000	274,165	292,165	405,400	1,257,318	1,662,718
	March 1, 2011	8,600	259,078	267,678	288,010	1,137,292	1,425,302
Corn	March 1, 2012	52,000	159,128	211,128	3,192,000	2,817,260	6,009,260
	December 1, 2011	100,000	203,278	303,278	6,175,000	3,472,466	9,647,466
	March 1, 2011	69,000	205,846	274,846	3,384,000	3,139,228	6,523,228
Sorghum	March 1, 2012	8,000	68,152	76,152	12,800	95,135	107,935
	December 1, 2011	20,000	81,991	101,991	27,850	123,101	150,951
	March 1, 2011	8,000	88,713	96,713	13,020	158,027	171,047
Soybeans	March 1, 2012	11,000	47,118	58,118	555,000	817,258	1,372,258
	December 1, 2011	21,000	65,002	86,002	1,139,000	1,230,885	2,369,885
	March 1, 2011	10,500	33,046	43,546	505,000	743,800	1,248,800
Oats	March 1, 2012	*	161	*	19,750	52,788	72,538
	December 1, 2011	*	176	*	24,900	54,235	79,135
	March 1, 2011	*	198	*	26,950	59,361	86,311
Barley	March 1, 2012	*	10	*	26,480	67,207	93,687
	December 1, 2011	*	12	*	55,320	83,621	138,941
	March 1, 2011	*	15	*	57,700	80,424	138,124

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

An audio summary of this report will be available at:

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